

REMARKS

Claims 26, 27, 29-32 and 34-40 are pending in this application.

Claims 35, 36 and 39 are rejected.

Claims 35, 39 have been amended and claims 42-44 have been added by the present Amendment. Amended claims 35, 39 and new claims 42-44 do not introduce any new subject matter. Claims 37 and 40 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 26, 27, 29-32 and 34 are allowed and claims 37, 38 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Specification

The title of the invention is objected to for the reason set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants have amended the title. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the specification objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 35, 36 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Song (U.S. Patent No. 5,744,821).

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 37 into claim 35 and allowable claim 40 into claim 39. Applicants have also rewritten allowable claim 38 in independent form as new claim 42.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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